

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

### BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

**September 12, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Mayor, Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Albier: "Mr. Fisk, would you call the roll please?"

Clerk Fisk: "Tom Coyne."  
"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Here."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Here."  
Councilman Albier: "Here."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Here."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Here."

President Albier: "Before we get started with the meeting, the Mayor has requested permission to give a proclamation, and he's going to present it now."

Mayor Patton: "I'll set this here, and if our camera man could zoom in on it. And if Mr. Joey Tada and his parents would like to come forward please. Office of the Mayor, City of Brooklyn, Ohio. Proclamation. To recognize Joe Tada on his efforts to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Whereas, nine year old Brooklyn resident Joe Tada wanted to help out the victims of Hurricane Katrina after seeing the devastating images on television. And whereas, Joe, on his day off from school, took his homemade shoe box and went house to house asking for donations to support the hurricane relief efforts. And whereas, Joe is a terrific example of a young person representing good character and caring citizenry and respect for others. Now, therefore, I, Mayor Kenneth E. Patton, and on behalf of the Brooklyn City Council and the citizens of Brooklyn, do hereby congratulate Joe Tada on his remarkable compassion and willingness to help those in need. He raised \$30 going house to house, and Joe has an announcement to make."

**Joe Tada:** "That I'm happy to help the people in Hurricane Katrina. They need this money more than anyone else does. They lost their homes, they lost family members, some. I just feel bad for them. They need more stuff than we do now. They lost a lot in the hurricane. I collected \$106 for the Hurricane Katrina and \$100 was raised from American Family Title Agency. The company gave \$100."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you very much. This will go onto the Red Cross Joey. Thank you for your efforts. How about a nice hand for him."

President Albier: "We'll now have a reading of the agenda for tonight's meeting. We'll have a purchase agreement for salt and de-icer; a proposal from the Fire Chief for the fire truck for the new fire station; also authorization to purchase equipment for the Fire Department; then we'll have Ordinance 2005-33, Authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances during 2005; Ordinance 2005-34, Amending annual appropriations; Ordinance 2005-35 was removed; Ordinance 2005-36, Authorizing a contract between Kathleen Plescia and the City of Brooklyn to provide water and land exercise instruction at facilities provided by the City of Brooklyn; and other matters that may come before Council. We'll now have the approval of minutes. And even though we had a break between July and August this summer, we had a lot of meetings, and we have seven different minutes we have to approve tonight. So the first one will be the minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup>, our regular Council meeting, our Committee of the Whole, I'm sorry. June 20, 2005."

Councilman Coyne: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes from the 6/20 Committee of the Whole meeting, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Abstain."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

"Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "Abstain."

President Albier: "Next one is the minutes of a regular Council meeting on June 27, 2005."

Councilman Coyne: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier, may I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "On page nine we have a minor correction, under my comments, the fifth line down, in the center. Instead of 'safety forced' it should be 'safety forces'. I move we approve as amended."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of the 6/27 regular meeting, as amended, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Abstain."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next minutes are minutes of the special meeting held on July 20, 2005."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of the July 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next are minutes of a Committee of the Whole, which was held on August 2, 2005."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Move to approve."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee of the Whole, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next are minutes of a special meeting which were held on August 2, 2005."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the meeting or minutes of the special meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next are minutes of the Committee of the Whole which was held on August 8, 2005."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move to approve."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes from the August 8<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "And the last one are minutes of a special meeting held on August 8, 2005."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move to approve."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next we'll have the public session of the Council meeting. Anybody that has anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please come forward and state your name and address."

**Lou Changeri:** "Good evening. My name's Lou Changeri, I live at 8972 Trail Run Drive. If you remember at the meeting just prior to vacation I stood up here and I talked about the safety with the guards, the school crossing guards. I had my sign and all that. I didn't bring my sign, but I would like to re-read what I talked about, because since school started my partner who stands on the other corner, Sue, one afternoon almost got run over by a lady who was talking on her cell phone and reading a paper. And when she stopped and she noticed, she held up her paper and her cell phone like, geez I'm sorry, I didn't see you. Now to preface

this I will also tell you that the police are doing their job. And the reason I say that is we had a motorcycle officer last week pull somebody over right in front of him who made a right turn on red. He went down the street to pull him over, and while he was sitting there, five other people went around the same corner, and the poor officer, he couldn't see them because he was writing out a ticket. Why I'm here is I want to remind everybody why we're here. I want you to notice when you see that sign, and the guards go out there and they put that sign up, it says 'Stop, School Crossing', it doesn't say hit me. Our orange vests or our orange coats tell you we are there to assist children and pedestrians across our respective streets. We are the ones, in the morning and the afternoon, no matter the weather, who have the duty to cross your children, your grandchildren, safely during the school days. Now I'd like to read a couple of the Brooklyn ordinances that pertain to your responsibility as a licensed driver. Ordinance #303.02, Traffic direction in emergencies, obedience to a school guard, Section B. No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order or direction of any school crossing guard invested with the authority to direct, control or regulate traffic in the vicinity of the school to which such guard may be assigned. In other words, what that says is, when the school guard steps off the curb you're supposed to stop folks. First of all, you're supposed to be on stop behind the crosswalk, not to the crosswalk, halfway in the crosswalk, or blocking the crosswalk. Brooklyn Ordinance #313.11, Right turns on red prohibited. Right turn against steady red signal is prohibited on school days between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the following eight intersections: Ridge and Memphis, Ridge and W. 66<sup>th</sup>, Ridge and Biddulph, Biddulph and Roadan, Biddulph and Southwood, Memphis and No. Amber Drive, Memphis and City Hall, Memphis and Roadan and Westbrook. There are little signs on the corner hanging above each when you stop that says 'no right turn during school days'. Brooklyn Ordinance 313.33, Obstructing an intersection crosswalk or grade crossing. No driver shall enter an intersection, crosswalk, drive or on any railroad crossing, unless there is sufficient space on either the other side of the intersection, crosswalk or grade crossing, to accommodate the vehicle he or she is operating without obstructing the passage of the vehicles, pedestrians or railroad trains, notwithstanding any traffic or control signal to proceed. There's also in the law of Ohio Revised Code which is #4511-72. That means you don't stop your vehicle in the crosswalk for any reason, and this means the front bumper or halfway into the crosswalk, or completely blocking the crosswalk. We as duly assigned school crossing guards are trying to get the school children and pedestrians cross our streets safely. We do not appreciate the unfriendly hand gestures, to question what do you mean I'm blocking the crosswalk, or I'm right and you're wrong. Or when the school guard is halfway across the intersection, driving behind him. What's happening that I found where I'm working, as soon as I get the kids pass where the guy can turn, they turn behind us, they turn behind the kids. Now unfortunately some of the children I cross are young and they're very, they change their minds just like that. So I just want everybody to remember that school's in. We have the duty to get these kids across the street, pedestrians, we also help dogs, cats, whatever. Please remember there are consequences for failure to obey these ordinances. Fourth degree misdemeanor carrying a maximum 30 days in jail or a \$250 fine. A minor misdemeanor which carries no jail time but up to \$100 fine. Please remember the school year has begun, we'll be on our respective corners doing our job. Please help us out. Your children's safety depends not only on us as school guards, but also on you as drivers. And I would like to invite anyone of you on the Council, the Mayor, any of you, to come up and spend some time with a guard, I don't care what corner, just sit there and observe what goes on. You can only holler so much, you can only stand there so much. They will, without a doubt, take you out just like this, if they think they can get away with it. I say that, the last time I was here, and I say it again while I'm here. Please ask everyone to obey the school laws. Those signs aren't there just for you, they're for everybody. Fortunately we haven't had anybody hit. But I don't want anybody on my corner to be hit, and I'm sure no other school guard does either. And I'm sure nobody in this room or anybody in the City of Brooklyn wants anybody to get hurt because some dummy's talking on the phone or reading the paper. And they are dumb, they're not smart, they're dumb, they're stupid. And the funny thing I always tell the kids when they think that it's funny to cross, I said there's two things you have to remember, a car weighs 2½ tons and you weigh 150 pounds, it's car one, you nothing. I says number two, when the guy gets out after he hits you the first thing he's going to do is look at his car and say you got blood all over my car. He ain't gonna ask you how you feeling. And I says, it's sad but it's true. So again, I invite anyone to come up there, stand there. All you've got to do is just pull up a chair, just sit there and watch. Maybe the day that you're there nothing will go wrong. Or maybe the day you'll be there there'll be 20 people make a right turn. The one thing that I noticed up at Biddulph and Ridge, I don't know if it's in any other locations, is in the afternoon most of the people are making a right turn on red from Biddulph to go south on Ridge because they're all leaving the factories up on Tiedeman, and they don't want to get caught in traffic up at Tiedeman and 480. Now for me, I can't figure out why would you leave Tiedeman and 480 to go to Ridge and 480. But they do. That's all I have to say, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Anyone else care to speak?"

**Shirley Palumbo:** "Shirley Palumbo, 10218 Micka Drive, Brooklyn. Good evening. I'm here tonight to thank those of you who attended our Dine-In Days at Applebee's and CeeCee's and to tell you about some other events we have coming up. This Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 we will have a car wash at Wally's Auto Service on Memphis Avenue at Ridge Road. We are asking for donations for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter building project. The Wagging Tails dog walk and picnic will be held Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> behind City Hall at the grande pavilion. There will be games, prizes, face painting and contest, along with tips and tricks from Bernice Santana, a professional dog trainer. Pledge booklets for the walk are available at the Brooklyn Public Library. Admission is free, so please bring your friends with you and neighbors. We are also selling tickets to a Howl at the Moon spaghetti dinner, October 29<sup>th</sup> at McG's Pub & Grub on Memphis Avenue. \$10 for all you can eat spaghetti dinner or \$15 for all you can eat dinner and draft beer. If you like to sell crafts or flea market collectibles or you have a gift item you would like to donate, please let me know. The Brooklyn Animal Shelter's first annual Holiday Bazaar will be held at Brooklyn High School, 9200 Biddulph Road on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Call for table rental, 216-749-4893. Or save those gifts and bring them in the night before the sale. For more information please go to our website at [brooklynshelter.org](http://brooklynshelter.org). The volunteers at Brooklyn Animal Shelter have donated a lot of time and money to this project. We hope that the community will get behind us with their support. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Palumbo. Anyone else?"

**Bill Svoboda:** "Good evening. Bill Svoboda, 10700 Biddulph. I'm going to continue the commercial announcements for this evening. I'm here tonight representing the Academic Boosters for Brooklyn City Schools. Usually Kit Krause comes out and gives his schpeel on everything that's going on with the Academic Boosters at the beginning of the school year, but he was unavailable to do it this evening and asked me to come up. We have two important functions going on right now. The first is our beginning of the school year membership drive kick-off. You can get membership forms to join the Academic Boosters at any of the school offices. Membership's only \$3 a person or \$5 for a family. And in spring it usually entitles you to admission to one of our small fundraisers called Academic Challenge where the teachers and students go against each other. The second announcement is, our largest fundraiser of the year is our Homecoming dinner that's sponsored by Carrabba's is October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 in the school cafeteria. Carrabba's comes up, cooks their Chicken Marsalla, serves a side dish, desserts and beverages. It's only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. It's a \$20 value. Last year I believe we had over 500 people come up for it. It's a real good time. I know almost everyone on Council, the Mayor, the Mayor's staff, was up there. So we appreciate your support last year, and hope everyone could come up again this year. It's on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. 100% of the profits that we raise go back to the students, K-12, in either the form of awards or college scholarships to qualified seniors. Again, membership forms and the Carrabba's dinner forms are available at any of the school offices. And we just want to thank everyone for their support."

Mayor Patton: "Thanks."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Does anyone else care to speak?"

**James Oper:** "James Oper, 4823 Elizabeth Lane. Sometime in the late 60s the City of Brooklyn defeated a tax levy to build a new swimming pool, yet approved the funds to operate it. This is the first thing that popped into my mind listening to the proposed initiative in the early summer to restrict what was incorrectly termed nepotism legislation stating that you can run for office, but if you win and have a relative already in an elected office, one of you must go. Now that we are approaching election season, this proposal, which was tabled during the summer, and is now being revived by a petition, appears guilty of suspicious timing and is ludicrous at best. Just because other communities have laws against, and a clear definition of nepotism, does not mean we must follow suit. Too often in the last few months we've been jumping on the bandwagon of other cities' proposals for this and that. Let's become leaders in legislation again, not followers. In addition to the foolish nature of the proposal, we are all aware of the reason behind it. We are a community has been well served for the most part by a tightly knit group for many years. This proposal was not brought on by a new found revelation to correct some sort of loophole in the city Charter. This is a political vendetta, pure and simple. These Council meetings are broadcast in other communities. I have friends who've grown up in Brooklyn and live elsewhere, and co-workers, who have seen our meetings on cable in cities like No. Olmsted. They ask me what the heck is going on. I am increasingly being stuck for an answer. Let everyone



who is eligible to run, run. Let the voters decide, they're smart enough to figure out who they want to represent them. Why does a Councilwoman running for re-election petition through the city, circulate a petition in the city at this time when the issue had been tabled? What's the motivation? Probably a vendetta. Let's get back to the core problems that face our city, like finding new revenue streams in the face of the state capital's continuing indifference to the cities. Let's get back to serving the residents, not serving selfish interests. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Oper. Anyone else care to speak? Then we'll move on. The next is reports from committees, commissions and boards. The first one is the Public Works Committee, and that is chaired by Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "The only report I have is I would like to schedule a Public Works meeting prior to the next Council meeting. Kathy, do you know what time you're doing Finance?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Not right now. We assume it's at 6:30 unless we have a large agenda. Gale, are you aware of anything that would extend our time?"

Clerk Fisk: "I'm not right now."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Councilman G. Frey: "Well I'd like to set it at 6:00 then, for a Public Works meeting. And I would like our construction manager to be there for the fire station, to update the Council and the residents as to how we're doing with our timeline, what's being done, what's next to be done, so that we can answer questions, and that we can stay on top of the project as it goes forward."

President Albier: "Okay Mr. Frey, we'll schedule that, 6:00 next Council meeting, Public Works for the fire station. Anything else?"

Councilman G. Frey: "No. I did attend the groundbreaking for the fire station, and we are well underway, so..."

President Albier: "Next is the Public Safety Committee, and that's chaired by Mrs. Kathleen Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "No report this evening."

President Albier: "Thank you. Next is the Planning Commission, and that's chaired by Mr. John Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "There was a Planning Commission the first Thursday of August, and, no, first Thursday of September, and a few requests. The people that own All Tools, a man named Mr. Shumay, would like to make some lot splits back there so they could put up some storage sheds. And the Planning Commission kind of asked him to think bigger than storage sheds, and he'll be back at the next Planning Commission meeting, when hopefully the city can help him in possibly finding, through the Port Authority or the Better Business community, a business that's a little more attractive to Brooklyn than storage sheds. And then there's approval for some signs at the Lutheran University Hospital at Ridge Park Square. And there's also been approval given to a firm, it's just a restaurant, Ginger, I think it's Ginger Tea. It's Asian food. There's going to be a Ginger Tea restaurant built on the Key Commons area. They are buying the land and building the building. It's a man that started this business in the City of Wooster some 20 years ago, and this will be their first venture outside of Wooster. It's a little bit of an upscale Asian restaurant. I think it's a pretty good deal for Brooklyn. And also the convent on Brookway has been... It's called Wild Ginger Restaurant, my able-bodied assistant here informed me. It's the Wild Ginger Restaurant. And the Catholic Diocese has asked for a lot split so that the convent that's on Brookway can be bought for the Franciscans. I believe they're the ones that teach at Padua, and it's going to be divided away from, split off from the St. Thomas More property and become the ownership of the Franciscans. And there's any other business that may come before the Planning Commission. This is at the next meeting I think. So that's about it with the Planning Commission. Just signs, the Ginger... Wild Ginger Restaurant. That sounds pretty good. Wild animals or what? Not too sure. Anyway, that's my comments for the Planning Commission."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thank you for Mr. Fisk."

President Albier: "Next is the Rec Board, and I'm the chairman of that committee. We had no meetings during the summer; however, our next meeting will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court room. Next is the Finance Committee, and that's Mrs. Kathleen Pucci also."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you Mr. Albier. The Finance Committee did meet earlier this evening; we did have a full agenda. We did recommend that Council pass the following items. The first is the purchase agreement with Cargill for salt this winter, for \$31.45 a ton dump delivery and \$33.95 piler delivery. This is about a 3.3% increase. The second item was approval to purchase an Emergency One Bronto aerial tower truck for \$830,000. This replaces our old out of date aerial ladder truck. The third item was authorization to spend the remainder of the assistance to firefighters grant that we received earlier this year. We had already spent about \$10,025. And this was spent to upgrade our current self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. Tonight we're going to authorize \$56,152 to Warren Fire Equipment to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus, spare tanks and masks. And the second part of it is \$34,000 to Warren Fire Equipment to purchase a compressor filling station and cascade system. This will enable us to fill our own air bottles. We're one of the few departments that isn't able to do this. And basically it was a space constraint. This is going to be temporarily installed at our old station; but when we move into the new fire station we will install it over there. The next item is Ordinance 2005-33, Authorizing inter-fund transfers and advances. We received two more property tax payments from the county, so we have \$82,319 to transfer into the Safety Forces Construction Fund, and then advance it into the Capital Improvement Fund. We had an error to correct by advancing back \$51,294 into the Capital Improvement Fund. This was just mistakenly advanced into the General Fund, and so this corrects that situation. Then we had an advance to the Fire Act Grant for \$35,000 which will fully fund our total grant, which was \$100,000. Ordinance #2005-34, the amended annual appropriations. This is an adjustment to our budget, some areas that are under budget and some are over, so this ordinance addresses that. The General Fund total is not changing, just the object codes within them. We're also taking the senior van purchase of our Capital Improvement Fund, and appropriating those funds from the Groeger Trust, which then allows us to appropriate \$56,000 from our Capital Improvement Fund for the new animal shelter. Then we had 2005-36, Authorizing the contract between Kathleen Plescia and the city to provide exercise instruction. And this is basically just a renewal. We had a discussion on worker's comp. Actually had a lengthy discussion, weighing the options of either going with a group or on our own with a retrospective rating with an insurance policy to reduce the potential economic risk. And there was a consensus at the Finance Committee meeting that this was the way to go for this year. And we also had a discussion on NOPEC. I believe by the next Council meeting there will be some information forthcoming. We've all heard that the gas, natural gas prices are going to go sky high this year, and these are just, this is just going to be an option that we're looking at for our residents that'll hopefully be a better deal. And I believe that completes my report. Thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Next is the Domestic Violence and Legislative Update. Mrs. Gallagher, do you have anything on those two subjects?"

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Nothing on Legislative. Just a reminder the Domestic Abuse meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Brooklyn Senior Center. That's it."

President Albier: "Thank you. And finally is the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that would be Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "There were two items on the agenda for the August Zoning meeting. One was at 4396 Rockland Drive. It was a variance request to install above-ground swimming pool eight feet from the property lines, which required a two-foot variance, which was granted. And at 9307 Memphis Villas Blvd. there was a request for a semi-private fence, which was also granted."

President Albier: "Thank you. That concludes reports from committees, we'll now have reports of Council, and I believe tonight we start with Mr. Tom Coyne."

**Councilman Tom Coyne:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I commend Joey on his efforts towards the hurricane relief. I'm sure his parents are very proud of his efforts. I would ask that each and every one of you keep the people that were affected by the hurricane and continue to be affected. And also, on the fourth anniversary of 9/11, the 9/11 incident with the World Trade Towers, keep all those people in your prayers. I commend the city on their street repair crew, for all the work they've done this year. I only wish that we had more time or more people that could work on it so that the streets could continue to be brought up to the standards that we've come to know over the years. And Chief Murphy, I know your police have been encouraging enforcement on Idlewood in particular, I've had some calls on that, and other streets; but I had some requests for patrol on Southwood, if they could stop by there and see if they could do anything on slowing the people down coming up Southwood."

Chief Murphy: "We'll get them over there."

Councilman Coyne: "Thank you. With the filing deadline passed, I would like to congratulate the candidates who circulated petitions and are out campaigning for election. As most of you know, I've decided not to seek re-election to Council. The decision was not an easy one, but one based on my position with my employer and increased responsibility that is going to entail extensive traveling. I feel that a Council representative must be available to the residents. And beginning in 2006 I will not be able to fulfill that, as I have done over the last 28 years. In the coming weeks I would encourage all voters to look at the candidates for the upcoming election, and make your choice based on what is best for Brooklyn and this community. Take the time to review the literature, attend the various candidates' nights, the ones that are held primarily by the Democratic and Republican parties. I thank all those who have called, e-mailed and stopped me around town and commented on my decision. And again, I encourage all voters to look at the candidates' qualifications in the coming elections. That's all I have."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Coyne. Mr. John Frey."

**Councilman John Frey:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. You've heard me speak of getting the oval corrected on Sunset Oval. This week they did the concrete work around the perimeter of the oval, and it's beautiful. They will be planting a tree, I hope, shortly. A list of suggested trees for the oval has been submitted to the Service Department, and hopefully it'll get planted shortly so that it can get a start before the winter season. The Service Department has done a fabulous job on this concrete work. I want to applaud them for what they do. And I applaud the entire Service Department for their dedication to keeping Brooklyn as well serviced as they do. Thank you. That's all I have to report."

**President Rich Balbier:** "Thank you Mr. Frey. The first thing I have is for Fire Chief Duchoslav. Due to the high cost of gasoline, and I was reading in the paper, it says, 'Probably within the next five years, 20% of all cars in the United States will be hybrids.' And I was wondering if the Fire Department has had any training in the handling of hybrid car in an accident or a fire?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Several years ago at one of our extrication classes it was brought up that these hybrid cars were in existence then, even though they were under just the test mode then, I don't believe they were for sale. And should we come across one where we physically take a car apart to get to somebody, any parts with high voltage are clearly marked in bright orange. But I can look again and see if there's anything updated, and if there is I'll provide it to the firefighters."

President Balbier: "Very good, thank you Chief. Chief Murphy, also I received a call from a resident because of the high cost of gasoline, he asked if we could revisit all the intersections where you cannot turn right on red. But he also wanted us to include even the ones for school. And after hearing Lou there, I told him right away, well that's a safety issue, we wouldn't do that. But perhaps some of the locations where there's no turn on red, maybe the circumstances have changed and you could re-evaluate them."

Chief Murphy: "Well I would say, the amount of traffic we have, I think we're fine just the way we are."

President Balbier: "Okay, thank you."

Chief Murphy: "We'll look."



President Balbier: "Okay. And the Mayor received a letter from the Commissioners, the County Commissioners, asking us to pass a resolution to back a 3.9 mill replacement levy to assist those with mental retardation and other development disabilities. And we discussed this at the Finance Committee, I just want to re-evaluate this. I think this is absolutely important. It says they serve 9,000 people in Cuyahoga County. And should this issue fail at the ballot box, they would lose all of its local funding and all matching federal and state dollars. In short, the levy must pass. They also state that the agency has kept its service cost per customer at the same level since the year 2000, while decreasing its staff by 7%. Moreover, they have maintained a balanced budget despite the major state and federal government funding reductions. And I think this is very important. I know as a policemen, a lot of calls you get have to do with mental problems. And that's a bad situation. Everybody sort of puts them on the back burner, because I'm sure out of the 9,000 very few of them even vote. So I hope everybody backs this, and I'm requesting Mr. Shaper to draw up a resolution for Council for the next meeting so we can show our support for this levy."

Director Shaper: "I will."

President Balbier: "Thank you. And next is Mrs. Pucci."

**Councilwoman Kathy Pucci:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Good evening. First I'd like to also congratulate Joey Tada for his charitable efforts. And what composure for a nine year old to be able to come up before a television camera and a large audience like this. His parents have a lot to be proud of, and we as a community are proud of his efforts also. I would also like to thank the residents of upper Northcliff Avenue for their kind hospitality at their block party at the end of July. We were made to feel welcome and had an enjoyable afternoon, especially my youngest son Kevin, he really had a ball. So thank you to the Dockerys, the Laziers, and all the other residents of upper Northcliff Avenue. Also, thank you to the residents of lower Northcliff who also invited us to their block party. We were out of town, so weren't able to attend, but I do appreciate the invitation. I'd like to thank Doug Rehker and his men at the garage for doing such a good job keeping the city looking good over the summer. This was the first summer in quite a few years that I didn't receive repeat complaints from residents about the public trash receptacles over flowing and not being emptied when they should be. Of course, this isn't all they did, this is just one example of being on top of things. And we as Councilmembers really appreciate that, especially for the repeat complaints. Mr. Kappler, the city markers. What can you tell me about them?"

Comm. Ockington: "He's not here."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot about that. Mayor, do you know about what's going on?"

Mayor Patton: "They're in the process of being put up. So we have to wait for the utility company groups to come out and mark, because these go down a little deeper in the ground."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, but we do have them?"

Mayor Patton: "Yes, they're on site."

Councilwoman Pucci: "And we expect them to be in before the winter?"

Mayor Patton: "Oh, I expect them up this month."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. I know we've been waiting a long time for this."

Mayor Patton: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, thank you. Also, if you could pass onto Mr. Kappler, I noticed while I was stuck in traffic on Ridge Road in front of Ridge Park Square, on both sides of that median divider there, there's a lot of debris. It's actually mostly cigarette butts. So I don't know if people are emptying their ashtray while they're stuck in rush hour traffic. But if he could have the street sweeper go through there along both of those edges. And also I noticed, I think we have a missing delineator, and one that is damaged."

Mayor Patton: "Okay."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you. Chief Duchoslav, I came across an idea that assists first responders in contacting an immediate family member in case of an emergency. It's primarily firefighters and paramedics. And I didn't know if you had heard of this. You know how you can program numbers in your cell phone?"

Chief Duchoslav: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "In other states people are told to program under ICE, I-C-E, which stands for In Case of an Emergency, and then they put their, what you term I guess next of kin there, and this has been especially helpful to paramedics who are trying to reach, you know, a family member when they encounter, you know, whether it's a traffic accident or a medical emergency. I don't know if you had heard of this, or..."

Chief Duchoslav: "No I haven't Kathy. I'll look into it. I've heard of things like pill bottles in the refrigerator, the ID tags for medical problems..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yeah, this is primarily like traffic accidents, or if there would be a medical emergency and somebody's cell phone was there."

Chief Duchoslav: "Right, usually what we do is, if we're concerned with the medical care, and then once people get to the hospital we do take a purse or whatever personal belongings that we can that might offer identification, and then usually hospital personnel look into that. But I'll look into that and see what's available."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, thanks. And, you know, it's just a matter of going through someone's phone book in their electronics phone book on the cell phone."

Chief Duchoslav: "Right."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you. Did we ever install security cameras at the Rec Center parking lot? I don't know, Chief Murphy, do you want to answer that, or Sandy?"

Chief Murphy: "No we have not."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Chief Murphy: "The Rec Center has prices, it has not been completed."

Councilwoman Pucci: "So we're working on that? Okay, thank you. A topic that we discussed at one of our last meetings in June was the notification of sexual oriented offenders living in the area. This was prompted by an incident at our Rec Center, and also a notification of an offender that lived in Cleveland but was close to the Rec Center. First, I would like to see us get a link on the city website to the Sheriff's sexual offender list. And for residents with internet access, this is the easiest way to stay informed. You go to the Sheriff's home page, then you click on sexual offender, then you can click on photo search. At this point you can either select your city, and they're already programmed in there, all you have to do is click on it, or you can put your zip code in. You can also sign up for an e-mail notification alert program. You give them your e-mail address and your home address and you will automatically receive an e-mail when an offender moves within one mile of your address. The site also gives the four definitions of the sexual offenders, and also advises people what to do if they have a sexual offender living in their neighborhood. In this day and age I think we all have to be aware of these offenders in our neighborhoods. We know that in most cases they will repeat their crimes. And is this system perfect? No. However, I think we all need to be vigilant and aware. I would also like to explore how we as a city can make sure that our residents are informed. I know we had a brief discussion about it at our last meeting. I know we do post it in the lobby of our police station; however, most residents never have occasion to go to the police station. I would like to call a Safety Committee meeting. Greg, I wasn't aware you were going to do Public Works, maybe I could check with the other members of Safety in the next week, and we can either do it before the Public Works or schedule another date, if that's going to be too early for people, to discuss this. And I would request, Mr. Shaper, that you be

there, and Chief Murphy. And I don't know, Chief Murphy, if you have any other officers that would have input on this. Mr. Changeri..."

Director Shaper: "Did you give us a time?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "No, I said that I wasn't aware that Greg was going to schedule a Public Works, so I'll check with the other members of Safety, and I'll let Gale or Mary-Jo know whether we want to do it that evening earlier than Public Works, or maybe just schedule it for another day. But I'll make sure that everyone's notified. Thank you. Mr. Changeri, thank you very much for your devotion to our children and your diligence in keeping this important issue at the forefront. Motorists in general I think need to be more aware of others. Nowadays I think everybody's in a hurry, and quite frankly they're in their own world. I think it's just a form of self-centered-ness. We all need to start thinking about our surroundings while we're driving, and taking a little bit more care. I know people have the radios blasting, and with how quiet the cars are now with the insulation, you really, it's like you are in your own world when you're in your vehicle now. but thank you very much. I know the police are on it, because I have seen them ticketing people. I happen to go by your intersection several times a day, and I have been sitting there in traffic, and I do see, especially the people turning on red, and then all of a sudden they see that there's someone in the crosswalk and they screech their brakes on. I've seen it myself first hand. But thank you again for your diligence. And I know it's difficult, but if anybody ever does get a license number, I think it would be worth... No, you say? I think it would be worth reporting. At least maybe we can give these people a warning. But, please motorists, be more aware of your surroundings, especially where the children are walking to and from school. Thank you Mr. Svoboda for the information on the Academic Boosters. I've been a member I think since the first year, and this is a worthwhile organization. It's very unique. Most schools, in fact I think all schools, do have an Athletic Boosters program. It's very unique to have an Academic Boosters program. This recognizes and rewards the students for excellence in academics. And it is only \$3 to join. The homecoming dinner is excellent. If anybody ever goes to Carrabba's, as Mr. Svoboda said, that's who does the catering, and it's a great bargain for only \$10. And Mr. Oper, I was just a little confused, I'm not sure what you're talking about, the revived by petition, because I'm not aware of any petitions that are out. And it's actually past the filing deadline for anything to occur. So I was just a little confused by that. I believe that completes my report. Thank you Mr. Balbier."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Pucci. Mrs. Brown."

**Councilwoman Rita Brown:** "Yes, thank you Mr. Balbier. First of all I want to say that our inspectors have been very busy this summer, and several people have called me where they received notices, perhaps their garage needed painting, different things had to be done. And I received at least five calls. And I am really pleased with the work of our inspectors and our program to shape up our city. And it is looking very successful, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you very much."

Councilwoman Brown: "Very successful. Chief Murphy, is there a problem at the high school? It's been noted that there are two patrol cars at the high school every morning, they have their own parking spots."

Chief Murphy: "We have a police officer working up there. There is, I wanted a parking spot for us so we could watch the car. They work a couple hours in the morning, when the kids are coming to school, and when they're getting out in the afternoon."

Councilwoman Brown: "You're just keeping order, that's good. It's about time that we have that, and I thank you for that. And also, as we went into our summer hiatus I requested the number of cell phone citations that have been given out. Now Mr. Changeri has pointed out that an accident was almost caused. Are all of our officers keeping their eyes open on catching these cell phone offenders?"

Chief Murphy: "Of course."

Councilwoman Brown: "Well I would like, I would appreciate a number of citations, if possible, if Peggy would have time to do some checking."

Chief Murphy: "Yeah, I think I just gave them out at the last Council meeting. I believe Mr. Coyne had asked for them, over the last six years."

Councilwoman Brown: "No, that was not the cell phone."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Seat belt."

Councilwoman Brown: "It was what?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Seat belt."

Councilwoman Brown: "That was seat belts. That was seat belt citations, not cell phone."

Chief Murphy: "Okay."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay? Okay, I thank you Mr. Changeri. You know, I would love to sit on the corner and watch what's happening, but what good would it do? Where we have to solve the problem. We know what the problem is. I don't know how to solve it. I don't know if our traffic control knows how to solve it. But I do appreciate your constant reminder of it. And if there was anything this Council could do to correct that situation, we would certainly do it. I have another important thing to bring up to you. Of course Mr. Balbier brought up the cost of gasoline going higher and higher, and we are all watching where we're traveling, and trying to conserve. What's happening. But I was approached by an employee of Giant Eagle. When Giant Eagle went up they wanted to put a small gas station on their property, and at the time the City of Brooklyn, various members, had decided at that time we did not need a small gas station at Giant Eagle. But I'm sure you are all aware of what Giant Eagle is offering at their gas stations. You spend \$50 at Giant Eagle and, probably the majority of Brooklyn residents shop at Giant Eagle, and you'll get 10 cents off a gallon. Well they would like to present this once again to the City of Brooklyn. And I would like this Council to think about it. Times have changed. I think it would be another look-see if they came with another proposal. I want all of you Councilpeople to think about it. I'm not saying rush in and build a gas station, but I am saying think about it. We can all save 10 cents on a gallon of gas. I sure can. And last but not least, I do not see Mr. Oper, but am I surprised? No. What he gave you tonight was a lot of garbage. The legislation I proposed was tabled in June. It has not been re-born by initiative petition. Not saying that somewhere in the future it may be revived, but that certainly has not been revived now, and it was clearly stated it would stay tabled and not revived until we see what happens this election. And as far as a vendetta against the two Freys, believe me, they are my best friends. And if I was after the Freys and nepotism, I would have gone after them years ago. So that should settle the Frey problem and a vendetta. However, I do thank you for again bringing the subject to the front. And of course it's the problem of the Mayor's son running for Council. So I will now present this to you. I wasn't going to bring it up again, but since Mr. Oper decided he's going to rattle the cage a little bit, well I can't resist answering. Who do you want for a representative? Take a good look. Do you want a person, a Council person, representing City Hall or do you want a Council person that represents you, the resident? Give it a close thought in November. And that completes my report. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Gallagher."

**Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, and welcome back. I would first like to express my condolences to Tom Bruzek and his family. Tom is one of our employees, and he recently lost his father. I will begin with a special thanks to all the members of the Charter Review Committee for their hard work and effort. My appointee, Bill Svoboda, did an excellent job on keeping me updated with the Committee's progress. So thanks Bill. And Mayor Patton, since Mr. Kappler is not here, can I pass on a problem to you?"

Mayor Patton: "Sure."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "The bridge on Rodoan at the corner of Memphis Villas, on the west side of Rodoan, the concrete is crumbling and the iron rod is exposed. And if you get a chance, maybe you can send Mr. Kappler out to view the damage, because I'm kind of worried that it's a safety situation for our residents. So could you pass that along please?"

Mayor Patton: "Where is the iron rod exposed, on the sidewalk or..."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Not on the sidewalk, towards the end of the bridge right, it's all crumbling, the sidewalk's like falling in. It looks like the iron along the bridge fell into the creek. I don't..."

Mayor Patton: "We'll check that tomorrow. If it's county responsibility we'll get them out there."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you very much Mayor. And then I have another thing I guess for you then."

Mayor Patton: "Go ahead."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Another item is the spraying for the West Nile. I had a couple residents voice their concern about the spraying without notification. One mother was very upset because she has a newborn child and could not get the windows closed fast enough. Ironically, the very next day in the Plain Dealer, Brook Park residents were notified of the spraying. So that did not sit well. Could we do something in the future to give these residents maybe a couple days' notice?"

Mayor Patton: "I believe the Plain Dealer was notified, the county notified us, we had signs on poles, and..."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "I know on Biddulph, I saw the poles that same day. The service garage put them up in the morning and they did it at night. But I was, you know, maybe the day before or two days before."

Mayor Patton: "All I know is that we were notified, and within 24 hours, bang, they were there spraying. So we thought we did everything we could do. It was a different type of spray. I understand it was an odorless type spray this year. But yeah, we could have a look at it and try to do a little better job. Sure."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay, thank you Mayor. And Mr. Ockington, at 7416 Orchard Grove, I was requested to view what appeared to be a vacant home, and it is an eyesore. And I was just wondering, I know there's broken windows there on the garage, is that in foreclosure, do you know?"

Comm. Ockington: "It's in foreclosure and we have a public nuisance letter on it. If it's not... I'm not sure the due date, but it's in the next few weeks, the city will go in and fix it."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Okay, thank you Mr. Ockington. And Mayor, I'd like to pass on a suggestion from a resident regarding the city newsletter. They wanted to know if you could dedicate a section of the newsletter to highlight ordinances that affect the residents of Brooklyn, like special pickup, recyclables, nuisance law. Many residents do not receive the Sun News and they do not have cable television, so they asked me to share that information with you, and maybe..."

Mayor Patton: "We'll do it."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "...in the future you could do that. Thank you Mayor. And my special thanks to Council President Rich Albier for giving up his Saturday morning to help with the community service of the Juvenile Diversion Program. Mr. Galizio was out of town, and I had a mix of boys and girls that needed to do different jobs, so thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "You're welcome."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "And in conclusion, I would like to thank Tom Ockington, Bob Kappler, Barb Stanton, Gale Fisk, Sgt. Miller, for their assistance with my questions and concerns this past summer. I would also like to thank all the employees for their hard work and dedication to the City of Brooklyn. And especially you, Mr. Ockington. I've been calling you almost every day, and you're Johnny-on-the-spot, you get back right away. I'd just really like to thank you for your efforts."

Comm. Ockington: "You're welcome."



Councilwoman Gallagher: "And also, congratulations to Joe Tada. What a remarkable young man. Joe, your efforts will always be remembered by the victims, and most of all, the city. We're very proud of you. One last announcement, the Brooklyn Democratic Club will host the annual community picnic on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 at the Brooklyn Senior Center. There will be food, door prizes, and entertainment. That completes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Greg Frey."

**Councilman Greg Frey:** "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I hope everybody had a wonderful summer. We had a very successful Home Days again. We had many things going on. Council met almost on a weekly basis, for either on the starting of the fire, new fire station project, or for other matters that needed our attention. So we have not really been inactive for the last couple of months, we've rather been very active, I would think. I want to commend Joe Tada. Joe comes around to my house every year, okay. Wherever he goes to school, I'm not sure. He comes around selling candy or Christmas... I always buy a bunch of stuff from him. He's quite a young man. This guy's going to be a salesman some day, and whoever gets him is going to be very fortunate. Very nice family, very good people, and that's a solid young man right there. Mr. Ockington, in going... I don't do a lot of door knocking, but I did do some. And I want to tell you, I went on a street, and I had four people tell me the same thing. They're very concerned about rental houses and property maintenance. Time and time again we're hearing that. Now I talked to Mr. Tumino, and he said, you know, we've handed out 60 citations, and I believe we have. He tells me that, you know, sometimes if you just tell them, you've got to re-paint the garage or something like that, some of them are going and putting siding on. It's not always necessarily a matter of money, it's a matter of they don't know, or it's a matter of they don't care. I don't know what it is, but I really encourage you to keep that foremost in front of you. Okay. That is something that needs constant vigilance. We need to be aware of it. And I would hope that we could develop a package for people that have rental homes in Brooklyn, okay, the owners of the homes, that we could send to them with our various ordinances that relate to property maintenance, and notify them that not only are their residents, the people living in their rental units going to hear about it, but they're going to hear about it, and we're going to hold them responsible. Okay? And when they get a rental... Do we know when they get a rental home in Brooklyn? Do we know when something goes from a homeowner to a rental unit only?"

Comm. Ockington: "Generally not until a problem occurs."

Councilman G. Frey: "Well maybe we ought to find a way that we do know, okay, when that happens. I don't know what the, maybe Mr. Shaper could figure that out. I don't know exactly how you do that. But when the property transfers and becomes a rental unit, that generates some different kinds of concerns for us as a city. And I think we need to maybe prepare some information to provide to people so that they know what's expected of them. Okay?"

Mrs. Thompson: "Greg, we're working on that for new homeowners. So what we could do, since we don't know the renters, we could have that information, and when they identify that there's a problem, we could definitely provide that. But we're working on that information for new homeowners. Service rules, as far as trash, where it can be left, what can be done, and property maintenance and all the different ordinances. So that's a good idea when the first time he has a problem, we can also supply that to rental units."

Councilman G. Frey: "Okay."

Comm. Ockington: "And many times, if the property doesn't transfer, just the owner moves somewhere else and starts renting the house."

Councilman G. Frey: "I know, because oftentimes they find out the rental insurance is going to cost them more than homeowner's insurance, so they don't want to tell you that they're renting the house out. I understand that problem. One thing I wanted to mention, Mayor, to you and maybe Chief Murphy and Chief Duchoslav, when we had the 9-1-1, and now we had the Hurricane Katrina, universally the biggest problem is communication. It's communication between the civil authorities and the citizens. It's communication among the civil authorities, as to who's responsible for what. It's communication between the state and the feds, as far as what their responsibility is, as well as the local. I would hope that in moving forward that we consider that in our plan. That we have a primary means of communication, a secondary, and a tertiary means of communications, so if something happens we're going to have a way to talk to the people of this

town, and we're going to have in place a program that will help bring what's needed in, rather than put roadblocks in front of what's needed in. Okay? Chief Duchoslav, I can't commend you enough for the Volunteer Program. I think that's wonderful, okay. We'll have people around town that can maybe help until we can get to them. That's a great and wonderful thing. But we must be prepared as a city to respond. And now is the time to make preparations. You don't want to do that after something happens, you need to do that beforehand. And I know you've talked to them about that all the all the time. But communication is absolute key to successful handling of those kind of crisis. Regarding the salt contract that we're going to have. We have the prices that were given to us. Are we assured of supply?"

Mayor Patton: "Yes we are."

Councilman G. Frey: "We can get as much as we're going to need?"

Mayor Patton: "Yes we are."

Councilman G. Frey: "Okay. And something Mr. Changeri brought up in June, that Mr. Kappler was going to look into, was painting some of the crosswalks a solid color, a color to highlight that, hey, this is an area that you need to be especially aware. And that ties into what many of the Councilmembers and Mr. Changer was talking about tonight."

Mayor Patton: "I do have an answer for that. I actually talked to your partner Sue, and she suggested the green color that you have on now, it's the new color for the crossing signs and school signs and such. Chief Murphy got an estimate, it's \$18,000. It's not in this year's budget, but I think next year we ought to make room for it in that budget and do it next year."

Councilman G. Frey: "I agree. What else? I can't read my own writing. Oh, I attended the meeting last week with the Mayor and many of the members of various churches around town, and the Red Cross and what not, over at the Senior Center, relating to hurricane relief and preparations that were being made if evacuees were coming to Cleveland. I'm sure you all saw in the media that Cleveland Convention Center was set up to receive 400 evacuees, and Brooklyn may well have been part of responding to the needs of some of these people with various things that we may have been able to offer. It wasn't called on, it may be called on in the future, it may not. But Mayor, I commend you for being ahead of it. And I think that's a very good thing. We have some people that are really hurting right now, and if we can help we ought to do that. I think that's all I have, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. That concludes reports from Council. I'll have the Mayor's report."

**Mayor Ken Patton:** "Okay, I'll pick up where Councilman Frey left off. Pertaining to communications, the Southwest Council of Governments just worked together, and we now are in possession of 11 satellite phones. So we will not lose communication should something go wrong. The City of Brooklyn also has two firefighters down in Alabama right now. Chief Duchoslav could follow up on that. But following up the scheduling that we had, we had been contacted by the Red Cross, can we take some of these evacuees from down south. Our Senior Center is listed as a Red Cross three-day temporary facility for emergencies. And when Chief was contacted, they said well maybe we'll send 300, well we had room for about 75, according to our building codes. And the reason we were called was because of the Brooklyn Volunteer Corps. They're the only group in the State of Ohio trained in setting up for emergencies such as this. We did have a meeting with our religious groups, the hotels, American Greetings, Key Bank, Plain Dealer, the superintendent of school, the principal of St. Thomas More; we also contacted the Salvation Army, FEMA and the Red Cross. And basically to coordinate if these people do all of a sudden show up, because we were told they were coming, we're ready to go, and they don't come. And then again, we were told two, three times that people are coming. But for the time being, we are ready, we do have people that care in Brooklyn. We got a delivery from the Brooklyn Reformed Church, that we'll either pass onto the Salvation Army or St. Vincent DePaul, they collected clothes and such. The Red Cross distinctly stated several times that this is something they cannot use at this time because there's nowhere to store it down there. So they need money to buy something right there, there's no warehousing, so they'll get it out. But I want to commend our Fire Chief and our Police Chief, and especially the Brooklyn Volunteer Corp, and all who were ready to go; because if something would have happened and these evacuees were transferred to Brooklyn, these people at this meeting would have been the first ones to get a phone call and jump in and lend a helping hand. And I think

that's what Brooklyn is all about, is helping each other out. So thank you to everyone who's ready to go. New business happened through the summer time. We opened the Lutheran Urgent Care Center over there on Northcliff Avenue. Staples is now open, they had their grand opening this past Saturday. Chipolte's is moving into Cascade Crossing. That's a Mexican restaurant owned, believe it or not, by McDonald's. And over in Key Commons the Wild Ginger Restaurant, featuring Asian food. The senior assisted living proposal that is on Northcliff and Idlewood has moved forward. Funding is pending through the Cuyahoga County Port Authority. And we're waiting to hear a little bit more on that. There's a lot of legal work to go with that. So we will make sure it's done right. And also, one of our Brookpark businesses may be expanding. They want to keep that under their hat right now, and we will work with them also, working with our county to get them any kind of funding that's possible. I want to thank Congressman Dennis Kucinich for \$1.6 million granted to the City of Brooklyn for the Tiedeman Road/480 interchange. I also want to thank the Plain Dealer, Key Bank, American Greetings, other businesses and elected officials, who wrote a letter on behalf of the City of Brooklyn asking for this funding. We asked for 1.4, we received 1.6. This is going to work excellent in our plans. And what we're doing is, this goes for environmental engineering, and then proposed ramp adjustments. We have to work through, I think there's 12 or 14 steps through ODOT, that we have to meet their criteria. This allows us the funding to work with our engineers to get basically to that point where we can go ahead and then ask for however many million dollars it's going to take to get the job done. But thank you Congressman Kucinich. Key Bank was honored with what's called the Green Award for energy conservation in their building, and we want to congratulate them. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make Brooklyn Home Days a great family weekend. The Laurel Garden Club, also, for your flower show, that was something new that was added this year, and worked very well. And Councilwoman Brown brought up working with the school superintendent Jeff Lambert, Chief Murphy and myself, and we now have officers visible during school hours and during school events. We want to make sure that the students know that protection is around, we are going to keep our city safe, and we will take every step to keep our city safe. The city also honored Cpl. Timothy Knight, USMC, dedicating the Knight Commons back in July. And also a remembrance by the Brooklyn School District in dedicating this football season to him. And by the way, the Hurricanes are 3-0 and we hope they go 10-0. The Domestic Abuse Council needs two new members. Please contact my office if you are interested. One person has already. I'm hoping that this is something that people who are interested in this subject matter can partake in. Also, thanks to everyone for the neighborhood block parties, they're always a hit of each neighborhood, and it's good to sit down and talk with everybody. Each neighborhood has a distinct little different taste to it, and it's always fun to go out and see the different neighborhoods. We received a letter of thanks from Catherine Johnson, who is the Brooklyn Adult Activities Center person for the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. We let them use our bocce ball courts throughout the summer; and they basically write that they had 20 people playing bocce this year. And they wanted to thank all the people from the men's bocce league at the Senior Center, and also the city, for the use of our bocce courts. Computer classes again will be offered by the City of Brooklyn, and it's for adults, it'll be at Brooklyn High School. Classes limited to 10 students. All classes will be at Brooklyn High School. And the classes will be: Internet and e-mail; basic computers; word processing; and advanced word processing. Classes will be limited to 10 people. Be sure to stop in at the Brooklyn Senior Center to sign up for these classes. The Oktoberfest dance and luncheon will be October 6<sup>th</sup>. It's \$7. Music by Bob Spiwak. And again, pork roast, sauerkraut, spaetzels, mini potato cakes... Kind of makes you hungry. Join us for our fall annual pancake breakfast. Boy, we've just got food all over this thing. Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-1. And that cost is \$4, children under six are free, and tickets are available by advance sales over at the Senior Center. Grass cutting. The last day for grass cutting will be September 30<sup>th</sup>. After that date residents are responsible for maintaining their own lawns. Cuyahoga County Board of Health will supply eligible people for flu shots and pneumonia vaccine Monday, October 17, 2005, 1-4 p.m. Flu shots are \$18, pneumonia vaccine is \$30. Medicare part B does pay for some of that, so you'll have to check your medical coverage. And pre-registration is necessary by calling the Brooklyn Senior Center, 635-4222. Blood pressure readings by our firefighters, Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2:30. And that's that. We worked hard, not only as a member of NOPEC, but as individuals. Over a year we have been a member of NOPEC with no contract for natural gas supply. Our United States Government is telling us, and predicting, a 71% increase in the cost of natural gas this winter. We have been paying attention, and in late August in a Plain Dealer article a representative of NOPEC was quoted as saying, 'We are telling people if you can find a better deal, take it.' My Finance Director and I and our Law Director have worked hard, and we think we have found a better deal. We're recommending an opt-in program with a vendor named Volunteer Energy Services, and this is the fastest way we can get relief this winter. Right now no one can guarantee you a great deal, and I can't either. But this, the president of this company has guaranteed me that they will beat Dominion East Ohio's gas cost rate that you are currently

paying, and will get us lower natural gas bills than many of you and us have had while we're staying still here waiting for NOPEC to get another contract. During a recent 10 month period, Volunteer Energy Service, their rate per mcf was less than Dominion's rate in eight out of the 10 months, and overall through that time averaged a difference of 41 cents per mcf. Volunteer Energy Service will be putting a mailer out to the City of Brooklyn residents, information that you need to consider. The city is not going to have a contract with this company, you are, the residents. Okay, that's why they call it opt-in. An opt-out program means that you're in unless you decide to sign something saying I don't want that service, okay. But opt-in means that you have to send a letter back in. So you'll be getting this through the mail, it's called Volunteer Energy Service. We are going to make sure it's a rock solid deal for the citizens of Brooklyn. Finance Director, myself and our Law Director will review this. We will be bringing it to Council for their blessing to go ahead with this. But it's something we will pursue, because we think it's the best deal going out there, and we don't want to see our residents paying extreme bills and deciding, well, should I pay the heat bill or should I pay for my medicine. And believe me, that's happened. And along with these gas bills that we have right now, the fuel for the cars, we know ahead of time already that our sewer bills are going up \$1.10 next year. So everything's on the rise, we just have to stick with it, and you know, save the pennies where you can. So we will get back to you on this, but again, if you get something from Volunteer Energy Services, Inc., please read it thoroughly. Right now I'm encouraging you to sign up. I will be signing up. And we will get you every bit of information, and Council will reaffirm our move on this. Okay, that's my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mayor. We'll now have the directors' reports. First is the Finance Director, Mr. Fisk."

Director Fisk: "Prior to summer recess I indicated that income tax collections were up. I want to report that they have remained so during July and August; and at this point our income tax collections are 9% ahead of 2004. Expenses are on track and staying on projection. At this point we're actually \$90,000 less than last year on our expenses in the General Fund. With the \$1 million in reductions that we made in the beginning of the year in General Fund budget, the increase in revenue, and the fact that we've stayed on track, there is a possibility that we may actually end the year with a balanced budget in the General Fund. That's all I have for this evening, thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk. Mr. Kappler isn't here, so we won't have the Service Department. The next is the Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mr. Albier. The Building Department's been very busy enforcing property maintenance codes this summer, and have issued 293 correction high grass notices, 77 written warnings, and performed 349 re-inspections. We have received good cooperation from property owners in most cases. If you have received a notice from the Building Department and are having difficulties complying with the notice, please contact the Building Department for assistance in obtaining contractors, financial assistance, or additional time to comply. That concludes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. Police Department, Chief Murphy."

Chief Murphy: "No report."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief. Fire Department, Chief Duchoslav."

Chief Duchoslav: "Thank you. Site clearing and excavation for the new fire and EMS station has started, if anybody hasn't noticed. Work is being done to level off the slope and ground, and well as the installation of underground utilities. And there's going to be a considerable amount of work to do before any actual building walls are visible. On Hurricane Katrina relief for the two guys down south. Last Friday, or Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, FEMA, through the International Association of Fire Chiefs, put out a plea for 1,000 professional firefighter two-person teams to go down to the hurricane area to assist, not so much with operations, but with finding people that are affected and have been displaced, and getting them aid. To let them know that federal aid is available to them, and how to access it, and how to register for it. Mike Mochan and Ken Beck volunteered. Mike has two children, and he still said he insisted that he wanted to go down. They left last Tuesday evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> for training in Atlanta. There was a day of training in Atlanta, a day layover. They were teamed up with two firefighters from Pepper Pike, two from Lyndhurst, and two from Westlake, and quite rapidly deployed to Montgomery, Alabama. After Montgomery, Alabama



and a day of training they went to Birmingham. They were there this morning in Birmingham, and now they, I just received news that a few hours ago they are being sent to Mobile. And Mobile is right on the Gulf coast, and there will be considerable damage. I would like to read one of the requests, or what they could expect, from the flyer. 'The work is non-operational community relations focused activities that consist of a direct outreach to persons in the affected areas. They will assist victims in understanding how they will go about the process of getting federal assistance, distributing information, providing minimal first aide, which Parma Hospital donated two fully staffed basic first aide kits for them to take with them, and taking reports. The work will be outside, exposed to the elements, and would require significant walking. The concept is that your team would be able to work independently under tough conditions, being provided only food, water, and perhaps rustic shelter. Remember that you may have to carry with you everything that you bring for the entire time. Finally, please ensure that members of your family can function without your presence for at least 30 days.' And at time they get MREs, the military meals, that would be the only hot meal that they'd get. And other times they will have other accommodations. But I just take my hat off to the two guys that volunteered to go down. Another firefighter, Dennis Williams, is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Bravo Company, the 256<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, and he has been deployed to Egypt for training until October 3<sup>rd</sup>, for three weeks of training, he's over there. And then back on what the Mayor said about the Brooklyn Volunteer Corps. Right before summer break, and a few months before summer break, the Volunteer Corp, I had arranged for training from the American Red Cross on disaster shelter operation and set-up. And that was the first time the Red Cross taught somebody that type of, gave anybody that type of training that weren't their own volunteers. On Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> I received a phone call from the Red Cross that the Cleveland area was going to expect anywhere from 20-600 people, refugees, and would it be possible to accept approximately 50-100 to the Brooklyn Senior Center. I said I would need permission to use the building. I contacted the Mayor, who within an hour, our team was in place. I didn't contact anybody... Bill Deighton is the chairman of the Brooklyn Volunteer Corp, and a few other key people. But we kept it under wraps. I didn't want to make it sound like we need you until we needed the people. That turned out to be a false alarm, but we were ready to respond to that. Later that week I received a phone call from the Red Cross again saying that up to 400 were coming to the Convention Center, some on buses, some with airplanes. They fully expected them. They set up, the American Red Cross set up the Convention Center downtown, and they asked if we could help staff that, because if it was only 400 we wouldn't use the Senior Center. And I said, yeah, we could do that. Again, that was put into, that plan and scheduling of people was put into operation. They requested only two people, but for 12 hours, for seven days. For 12 hour shifts for seven days. On Saturday, I received a phone call Saturday morning that they expected the people and they were activating the shelter. And two people, two members of the Brooklyn Volunteer Corp. responded to the Convention Center, Chris Dress and Gail Bragg. And there were other people in place to take over in 12 hour shifts. By the afternoon that was shut down. They figured out the people weren't coming. Again, it was a false alarm, but just to show that we were ready. And we, again, you know, small Brooklyn, we were ready to help. The American Red Cross asked us for help, they provided the training, it's kind of like one hand washes the other, and we were ready to respond back. If anybody is interested in joining the Volunteer Corp, and basically what we push, and how I push it is, number one, in case of a disaster, learn how to take care of yourself. You and your family are the most important. How to take care of yourself. Once you're situated, look in on grandma next door, or maybe somebody with a disability or a handicap, the neighborhood. And then thirdly, if it's needed on such a wide scale that we do need to activate a shelter, if you're available, if you'd come help us. If you think about it, a phone number to call to sign up is 216-635-4272. 216-635-4272. It's a recording, somebody will get back to you. Or you can attend the next meeting which is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Senior Center. And that completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief."

Councilman Coyne: "Mr. Albier, can I ask a question of Chief?"

President Albier: "Yes Mr. Coyne."

Councilman Coyne: "Thank you. Some of my fellow workers are on the way down there, and they had to go through a bunch of shots..."

Chief Duchoslav: "Right."

Councilman Coyne: "...or be checked. Our firemen..."



Chief Duchoslav: "Right, the immunizations, training, all that was done in Atlanta."

Councilman Coyne: "Okay, I just wanted to make sure. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Next is the Law Department, and that would be Mr. Shaper."

Director Shaper: "I received a report from the County Commissioners, a report for recommendations dealing with foreclosures. When I read the report I was reading it with the idea of what can we do as a municipality to eliminate some of the foreclosure problems that we have had, a house not being foreclosed upon quick enough. And I want to say this. The administration, the Mayor, the Law Director, the Building Commissioner, and Council, I think are all united on this problem, that it has been directed these houses do not do the city any favors by existing in their condition. But in reading this report, it's apparent that most of this, the changes in laws, have to be at the county level, and that's according to the county itself. One of the things that it talks about, 'The rise in home foreclosures is a critical problem all over the nation, especially in rust belt states where weak economics are struggling with the loss of industrial production.' It goes onto say that, 'In Cuyahoga County in 1995, 2,582 foreclosures were on the docket. It now appears that this year's total filings will top 12,000.' So that's gone up five times as many. And the courts simply are not staffed, that's according to the county. I'm not taking any shots at the county, I'm reading what they're saying. This is how they intend on dealing with the problem. They are talking about passing on the cost of these foreclosures to the banks or to whoever the parties are who end up buying the houses, in order that the courts can hire more staff so they can deal with this problem. But I want to assure the residents that very few months go by where Council does not call myself or Tom Ockington or the Mayor to let us know that there is a house in foreclosure, that your Councilpeople and your Mayor are fighting to eliminate this problem. We will do what we can to work with the county. And when resolutions are needed to encourage the county to do something, I will make sure that we are one of the first cities, if not the first city, to pass these resolutions. In the meantime, we'll do everything we can as a municipality to eliminate this problem."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Shaper. And last is the Recreation Department, and that's Sandy Balzer."

Comm. Balzer: "Thank you. As you all know, I came on close to mid-July, and a lot of our summer programs were in full swing. And I also learned Home Days by fire. Home Days was a great success. I want to thank all the staff, the Brooklyn departments, all the other Brooklyn departments, the volunteers, and the community for participating in this Home Days. And it was a great success, in my opinion. Over our youth baseball program for 2005, I also came in mid-season in that, and I want to really thank the directors Ryan Kelber and Kelly Carrino for running a top-notch program. We served over, well, close to 400 participants; and this wouldn't have been possible without, we had close to 45 volunteer coaches, and 13 other part-time Recreation staff employees as umpires and coaches where needed. This was a great successful program. This fall we're having a, we just kicked off our fall travel soccer program. It's not as big as our spring's program, but we have over 110 participants in various ages. My thanks to Maria and Gerald Baker, and once again all the volunteer coaches that make this possible. Since I've started we instituted staff IDs for all the indoor Recreation Department employees. One of the things when I started was, just we had over probably 113 part-time staff and seven full-time staff, and just knowing who everybody was, coming in and starting. And I just wanted to make sure that, you know, people knew when they came into the Rec Center who a staff member was, and who they could go to if they needed assistance. Our fall, winter and spring bulletin went to the printer, and it's going to River Copy and Mail tomorrow, and it should be delivered within the next two weeks, depending on the post office and their staggered delivery to our community. Also, I wanted to, the sport court was staffed this summer, and it was a success, and is going to... I want to thank the specials and the auxiliary and the police for being very present and visual during the summer. And we're going to keep that open from 4:30 till dusk till the end of September for residents, resident IDs, and then it's open during the day for everybody. The last thing I have is, I just wanted to, the Summer Concert Series ended successfully. Many people attended. I was at the last two that were there, and hopefully we can expand that next year. And I just look forward to looking with everybody, and if I can do anything to help, please stop in and see me. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you. That ends the directors' reports. Next is the monthly reports from departments. I'm not going to read all these, they're public record. If you're interested in them you can get them at City Hall. They're from the Fire Department and from the Building Department, Magistrate and so

forth. You can look at any one of them at City Hall. Next is audience participation on legislation on the agenda. So if anybody has anything they wish to say about the legislation we're about to discuss, now's the time to come forward. And with no one coming forward, our first thing is a purchase agreement for salt. This was discussed at the Finance Committee, and it would be \$31.45 a ton delivery, and \$33.95 a ton for pile delivery. I need a motion."

Councilman J. Frey: "Move we approve."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the contract to take a second option on the salt option with Cargil, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next is the authorization to purchase fire equipment. And Chief, I'd like you to just say a couple words about this truck so the people know what we're going to be buying."

Chief Duchoslav: "Myself and a committee of six members of the Fire Department researched all the different available aerial tower trucks. We've been doing that for over two years. Looking at what's out there, what's available, how it could best serve the fire and life safety protection needs for the City of Brooklyn. We came up with a recommendation. It is an expensive truck; however, it is a very versatile, very reliable, well-built, well-backing truck. It is the Emergency One Bronto. We won't take delivery on it, it won't fit in our current building, it will fit in the new fire station, until after the new station is built. At that time I would suggest, or recommend, or even ask that if you have any questions about the unit to please stop up and we could show it to you. It is going to serve not only aerial operations, but also medium duty ground rescue operations. Thank you."

President Albier: "I'd just like to say one thing. We started this over a year ago, we were told the new truck with its equipment would be anywhere from 800,000 to 1.2 million. So I think most of us figured we'd be spending about \$1 million. And this one with the equipment is coming in at 830,000. Could I have a motion to accept?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "May I be recognized Mr. Albier?"

President Albier: "Yes Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Chief, if you could just pass along our thanks to your committee. People should realize that these firefighters volunteered their own time..."

Chief Duchoslav: "Right, it was not compensated."

Councilwoman Pucci: "...for the last two years. This was all done on their own time on a volunteer basis. Please thank, pass along our thanks please, to them."

Chief Duchoslav: "I will."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you."

President Albier: "I need a motion."

Councilman Coyne: "So move."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for a new fire truck with Emergency One, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next is authorization to purchase fire equipment, and Chief, would you once again explain what this is about?"

Chief Duchoslav: "This is to spend the money from the 2004 Assistance to Firefighter Grant for a self-contained breathing apparatus. Approximately \$56,000 will be spent on purchasing new air tanks, harnesses, regulators and masks; \$10,000 will be spent on upgrading existing equipment that we have; and \$34,000 will be spent on a compressor/filling station to give us the capacity to fill our own air bottles. We are one of the only Fire Departments in the county, I believe, that doesn't have the capacity, at a considerable cost. We have to send our bottles out to get filled."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Mrs. Pucci."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Congratulations Chief, and to Lt. Smetana, on obtaining this grant. Once again I'm going to reiterate my concerns about not being able to apply for future grants until we change our command structure. Do you have any idea if we have to only add one officer, or if we have to add more than one, in order to be eligible for these grants in the future?"

Chief Duchoslav: "It is a whole lot more complicated than just one officer, it's a whole structure. One of the things that's happening is Wednesday and Thursday... central training. We have filled out a questionnaire, it's are you compliant. We are 80-some% compliant, we are not fully compliant, which means we won't be eligible for the grants. Wednesday and Thursday are two day-long classes for incident command structure, and I made it mandatory for everybody to be there. What we're going to do is go over training. It's just a very, very basic groundwork of incident command. And it also touches on span of control, how many officers are needed for how man men, type of things like that, it's all broken down. But I'm working towards it."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay, thank you."

Chief Duchoslav: "Just to be compliant."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Thank you."

Chief Duchoslav: "And if I could say one other thing. I did, and that's not a guarantee of, and I'm talking a lot Greg, I did receive a favorable e-mail from, again the Fire Act grant for the 2005 grant that was applied for. And that's all I want to say."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief. Your motion?"

Councilman Coyne: "So move."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Do we need to do these separately?"

Clerk Fisk: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay. I move we authorize the expenditure of \$56,152 with Warren Fire Equipment for the new SCBAs, spare tanks, masks."

President Albier: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the expenditure of \$56,152 with Warren Fire Equipment, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Coyne: "Move we approve \$34,000 to Warren Fire Equipment to purchase compressor/filling station and cascade system."

Councilman J. Frey: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize the purchase of the compressor/filling station, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "The next is **ORDINANCE 2005-33**. An Ordinance authorizing inter-fund transfers during 2005."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize Ordinance 2004-33, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "That's 2005-33. Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "Thank you."

President Albier: "Next is **2005-34**. Amended annual appropriations."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Tom Coyne."  
"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize 2005-34, Tom Coyne."  
"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "2005-35 has been removed. **2005-36**. Authorizing a contract between Kathleen Plescia and the City of Brooklyn to provide water and land exercise instruction at facilities provided by the City of Brooklyn."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Introduced by all, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Tom Coyne."  
"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize Ordinance 2005-36, Tom Coyne."  
"John Frey."  
"Rich Albier."  
"Kathy Pucci."  
"Rita Brown."  
"Colleen Gallagher."  
"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."  
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."  
Councilman Albier: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."  
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."  
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."



Councilman J. Frey: "Move we adjourn."

President Albier: "First of all, does the Mayor or any other Councilman have anything they wish to bring up? Okay, we have Mr. Frey's..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn, Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Meeting adjourned.

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